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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

JASON B. DUNHAM

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-19 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 December 2000 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/13/05
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-16 in the reply filed on December 3, 2007 is acknowledged.

Priority

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Japan on 12/28/1999. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the foreign application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Drawings

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because labeling within the drawings must be in English. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brandt (US 6,646,655) in view of Garfinkle (US 6,017,157).

Referring to claims 1-2. Brandt discloses a method in which thumbnail images are displayed and based on the selection of those image parts of a video presentation are called and displayed (Brandt: column 13, lines 59 - column 14, line 25). Brandt does not expressly disclose that images are stored on a removable storage medium and purchase information corresponding to commercial information. Garfinkle discloses an information management method for dealing with images stored on a removable storage medium and purchase information corresponding to commercial information (Garfinkle: abstract and figures 3 - 3b). It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to have modified the method of Brandt to have included removable storage mediums and purchasing information, as taught by Garfinkle, in order to produce visual images based on ordered digital images (Garfinkle: abstract).

Referring to claims 3-6. The combination of Brandt and Garfinkle further discloses a method in which the video presentation is downloading into the storage medium and the thumbnails corresponding to slides are also downloaded in the medium

to be used to view parts of the presentation, the thumbnail images are displayed and based on the selection of those image parts of a video presentation, and in which the form of video information is animation (Brandt: column 13, line 59 - column 14, line 37).

Referring to claims 7-8. The combination of Brandt and Garfinkle further discloses a method wherein said commercial information includes shopping guide information (Garfinkle: column 2, line 65 – column 3, line 3). The examiner submits that the interface B of Garfinkle provides directions for ordering.

Referring to claims 9 – 16. Similar system and medium claims 9-16 are rejected under the same rationale set forth above.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Thosikage, Yang, Manolis, Kagle, and Moller.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON B. DUNHAM whose telephone number is (571)272-8109. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeff Smith can be reached on 571-272-6763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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